

Giants Overwhelm Red Sox by 14 to 8—Yankee Club Arranges to Take Out \$150,000 Insurance on Babe Ruth

6,000 SEE GIANTS HAMMER THE BALL

New Yorkers Start Boom of Their Own in Heart of Oil Boom Country.

DEFEAT THE RED SOX, 14-8

Game at Wichita Falls, Tex., Is Delayed Owing to Wrangle Over Umpire.

By DANIEL.

Special to THE SUN and NEW YORK HERALD.
WICHITA FALLS, TEX., March 22.—In this little city in the heart of the oil boom country the Giants this afternoon started a big boom of their own. Smarting under the sting of the defeat administered to them by the Red Sox yesterday at Dallas, the Giants slammed the ball with a vengeance, and attained a height of batting efficiency which their most ardent supporters had not hoped they would even approach. The New Yorks gathered eighteen hits, among which were two home runs, five doubles and two triples, and overwhelmed the Red Sox by a score of 14 to 8.

Six thousand persons turned out for the game, and they not only filled the stands at the Texas League Park, but they overflowed onto the field and provided a scene which is not likely to be repeated again for many a day. From all parts of this land of oil derricks, oil wells that are and wells that are not and never will be, the fans came flocking into Wichita Falls for the meeting of the clubs from the country which for thousands here means home.

The Giants, as usual in Texas, were strong favorites. Several thousand New Yorkers who have followed the city will of the way into this neck of the sandy wastes of Texas rooted for the Giants with a vigor that reminded one of a Saturday at the Polo Grounds. They called all the old favorites by name, and the favorites recognized many a regular of other days in the Harlem stands. Men came, but women came too—rather better and more fashionably dressed than might be expected in a boom town. While the game was not the sort of exhibition the clubs would have liked to stage, it was one of those contests in which hard hitting figured in nearly every inning, and repeatedly sent the fans into paroxysms of cheering.

Wrangle Over Umpire.

The game was delayed for quite a while by a wrangle over the umpires. The Giants brought Bill Brennan with them for the series, but the Red Sox had no professional umpire and called on Gus Rooney to officiate. In the game at Dallas, Rooney called Tony out at first and the Giants contended that McInnis had stepped off the bag. When the clubs came to the field this afternoon, Percy Mathewson informed the Boston club that John McGraw had left orders that Rooney was not to officiate any longer. A long series of official notes between Ed Barrow and Matty, with Harry Hooper as the intermediary, followed. Matty was obdurate, while Barrow said, "Rooney umpires or there will be no game." Finally it was decided to permit the Red Sox to use a player as umpire, while the Giants were to call on Brennan again. Barrow did not send out a player, so Brennan acted alone.

After the game Barrow said that the protest against Rooney had not been justified. "This is not going to be an all-National League series," said Barrow, with considerable heat. "I am going to telegraph to Ben Johnson immediately to send an official American League umpire for the rest of the series. Bill Klem will join us on Thursday and will act for the National League." Thus ended a memorable squabble over nothing in particular.

Giants in Batting Mood.

It would have taken superlative pitching, indeed, to stop the Giants this afternoon, for they were in one of those batting moods which long have made them feared by even the greatest hurlers. But the variety of pitching served up by the Boston men was not enough to stop them. On the other hand, Phil Douglas and Rube Benton, except for a poor inning by each, were effective.

Douglas did not allow a hit until the fourth inning. In the fifth he let up altogether and allowed four hits, one of them a home run by Mike Menosky, with the result that the Red Sox broke into the scoring with five runs. The Giants already had scored twelve, and the game looked like a farce between a strong major league club and the weakest of minor league outfits.

Danny Karr, fresh from Little Rock, was the first of the three pitchers used by Ed Barrow, and Karr proved an easy one to ride on the hit and pass. He went only one and two-thirds innings, and in that short space the Giants got six hits and seven passes for nine runs. Harry Holbrook, a New Yorker, who was with the shipyard last season, was next on the mound for the Sox. Leasure finished the game for them.

George Burns and George Kelly were the home run hitters for the Giants, each sending the ball over the fence, left center field. Benny Kauff at last struck his stride and was the batting hero for the New Yorks, getting a triple, two doubles, a single and a pass in six trips to the plate. Fletcher, a second baseman, got a triple, a single, a double and a single. Frisch got a triple, a single, a pass and was hit by Holbrook. Kelly walked thrice and hit a single in addition to his home run.

The big inning for the Red Sox, the fifth, was started with a pass to Hillier. Scott singled. Devine fanned and Holbrook was thrown out by Doyle, but Hooper and McNally followed with singles. Menosky then enticed Burns and Kelly and cleared the left center field fence. All of this meant five runs. Errors by Frisch and Kelly and two passes helped the Boston get three runs in the ninth. The score:

NEW YORK (N.Y.)	BOSTON (A.L.)
Barnes, 1st	Shaw, 1st
Starnes, 2nd	Shaw, 2nd
Fletcher, 3rd	Shaw, 3rd
Doyle, 4th	Shaw, 4th
Bleking, 5th	Shaw, 5th
Frish, 6th	Shaw, 6th
Kelly, 7th	Shaw, 7th
Smith, 8th	Shaw, 8th
McNally, 9th	Shaw, 9th
Douglas, 10th	Shaw, 10th
Benton, 11th	Shaw, 11th
Karr, 12th	Shaw, 12th
Leasure, 13th	Shaw, 13th
McNally, 14th	Shaw, 14th
Doyle, 15th	Shaw, 15th
Frish, 16th	Shaw, 16th
Bleking, 17th	Shaw, 17th
Fletcher, 18th	Shaw, 18th
Starnes, 19th	Shaw, 19th
Barnes, 20th	Shaw, 20th

GIANT ROOKIES TO PLAY SAN ANTONIO

Gonzales Has Team Ready for Game To-Day.

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SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, March 22.—The fifteen rookies of the New York Giants who left here under the care of Catcher Mike Gonzales will engage the San Antonio Texas League team in a real baseball battle tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock. Gonzales will use as pitchers Virgil Winters and Reynolds Kelly, both of whom have brothers with the regulars. Opposed to them will be Bill Fincher, formerly of the St. Louis Browns but now mainstay of the San Antonio team.

BABE RUTH IS AN EXPENSIVE LUXURY

But a Few Home Runs Are Expected to Pay for \$150,000 Insurance.

By WILLIAM B. HANNA.

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JACKSONVILLE, Fla., March 22.—The New York American League baseball club has completed arrangements to take out \$150,000 insurance on its star slugger, Babe Ruth. The idea was considered during the winter, but has just been carried out. The insurance is for life, illness and accident. What with premium, salary and purchase price Ruth is indeed an expensive luxury, but a few home runs with the bases filled will be worth it. And the Babe is the boy to make them if anybody can.

The only training the Yankee regulars had today was listening to the fall of rain drops, and if they were so inclined, poker chips. The recruits performed their daily stunt, but by the time scheduled for the regulars to harness up it was raining, and Miller Huggins regretfully declared a holiday for the afternoon.

The regulars will have been idle two days in succession by the time they meet the Brooklyn to-morrow, but the Brooklyn is in the same fix. The latter play as if they have had more work than the regulars, but the present form of the team isn't bothering Huggins at all. "We are going to have considerable of a ball team," he said this morning. It is the pennant season he is pointing for.

Hits Him on the Head.

While Fred Hoffman and Bob McGraw were successfully larking this morning and rolling around the ground in a wrestling match somebody threw a ball in that direction. It bounced off Hoffman's head and broke up the match. It also raised a lump on said dome as big as the baseball. There's some speed on the Yankee club after all.

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Wear Gold Football.

Two members of the Yankee squad wear gold footballs. A gold football means that the wearer has played on a champion team. Pratt wears one. He was a footballist in his college days in Alabama. Collins played on several champion teams in Texas when at T. & M.

His watch fob sports two gold footballs. Other players have won two, but most have considered one a sufficient number to wear.

Neils, the recruit, is burning up the Yankee-Brooklyn League with the stick. Last spring Malone, a Brooklyn recruit, was similarly engaged.

Walter Pipp has been quoted as saying he looked for Ruth to make twenty home runs at the Polo Grounds this year. What Walter did say was that he looked for Ruth to make twenty home runs, meaning in all. It isn't more than once in a century that as many homers come in a season as last year.

Truck Hannah, the catcher, has come to terms with the Yankee management. Bill Piercey, still on the coast, hasn't signed yet. Neither has Duffy Lewis, but Duffy and Col. Huston will have a talk in a day or two and probably fix it up.

DODGERS BEAT RAINSTORM.

Work Out in Morning Before Cloudburst.

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BROOKLYN, N. Y., March 22.—The Brooklyn Dodgers, who were expected to be in the city today, beat the weather man a step today when he worked his squad a couple of hours this morning. It was a cold forenoon, with threats of rain that materialized in the afternoon. The pitchers warmed up and there was some batting practice until noon.

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TWELVE SPITBALL PITCHERS EXEMPTED

Veterans of Seven National League Clubs Are in the Official List.

In a pamphlet mailed to all the clubs in training camp John A. Heydler, president of the National League, has issued the official text of the important changes in the playing rules for 1920. Fifty copies of the pamphlet have been sent to each club, so as to give every ball player full opportunity to study the rules and to put them into actual practice in the games preliminary to the championship season.

At the same time Mr. Heydler has announced the names of the veteran spitball pitchers of the league who will be exempted during the season of 1920 from enforcement of the rule against the use of the damp delivery.

It will be remembered that when the spitball question came up for decision at the annual meeting of the league the club owners at the time were thought considered it unfair to deprive the veteran spitball pitchers of their livelihood, and in many cases their only effective weapon. In their case it was thought that to declare an exemption of one year, the idea being to give these veterans a chance to develop their pitching during the year to conform with the new rules that had all fresh recruits for the regulars to harness up it was raining, and Miller Huggins regretfully declared a holiday for the afternoon.

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ROWING SCHEDULE FOR COLUMBIA

Will Open Season on the Housatonic on April 24.

Complete schedules for the Columbia crews were announced yesterday by Lester C. Danielson, graduate manager of athletics. The varsity eight will row in three preliminary races. There will also be the same number for both the freshman and junior varsity combinations, culminating with the races in the Housatonic regatta on the upper Hudson on July 1.

Present plans call for the squad to move from the Harlem to the quarters at Poughkeepsie on June 10. The varsity crews will open the season on April 24, when the big crew and the junior eight will row two miles against the Yale varsity and second varsity eights over the new Yale course at Shelton, on the Housatonic River. On May 1 the freshmen will meet one of the local high school crews on the Harlem in a mile and a quarter brush. Varsity, junior varsity and freshman eights will journey to Annapolis on May 8 for races with the first and second varsity and plebe eights of the Naval Academy, while the freshmen will get in an extra race when they meet the Choate School at Wallingford, Conn., on May 15.

The varsity eight will row in the Childs Cup race at the American Henley regatta on May 29, in which it will meet the crews of the University of Pennsylvania, Princeton, the Navy and possibly Harvard and Syracuse. There is some doubt as to whether or not the freshmen and junior varsity eights will be able to make the trip to Annapolis, but if they do not they will take part in the Harlem regatta on Memorial Day. In any event, however, it is probable that Columbia will have some entries in the Harlem races.

Brooklyn—Clarence Mitchell and Burleigh Grimes.

New York—Phil Douglas.

Philadelphia—Bradley Hogg and Roy O. Sanders.

Cincinnati—Ray Fisher.

Chicago—Claude Hendrix.

St. Louis—William Doak, Marvin Goodwin and Oscar Turo.

Applies Only to Spitball.

The league president has made it clear that the exemption applies only to the spitball and not to any other of the "dead" deliveries that have been legislated out of baseball. The rule governing pitching deliveries now reads as follows:

"At no time during the progress of the game shall the pitcher be allowed to apply a foreign substance of any kind to the ball; expectorate either on the ball or his glove; rub the ball on his glove, person or clothing; deface the ball in any manner or to deliver what is called the 'shine ball,' 'spitball,' 'mud ball' or 'emery ball.' For violation of any part of this rule the pitcher shall be once ordered to the pitcher's box and the ball shall be automatically suspended for a period of ten days on notice from the president of the league."

To make sure that no player, pitcher included, discolors or damages the ball in any way, another rule has been inserted which reads:

"In the event of the ball being intentionally discolored by any player, either by rubbing it with the soil or by applying resin, paraffin, lard or any other foreign substance to it or otherwise intentionally damaging or roughening the same with sand paper or emery paper or other substance, the umpire shall forthwith demand the return of that ball and substitute for it another legal ball and the offending player shall be disqualified from further participation in the game. If, however, the umpire cannot detect the violator of this rule and the ball is delivered to the bat by the pitcher, then the latter shall be at once removed from the game and as an additional penalty shall be automatically suspended for a period of ten days." This places a good deal of responsibility on the pitcher's shoulders, as it compels him to examine the ball carefully after it has been handled by another player.

Among other rules listed is one defining a "dead" ball. A ball is to be declared "dead" if it touches any part of the batsman's person or clothing while he is standing in his position, provided he has not struck at the pitched ball, or if the ball accidentally hits his bat when he is making an attempt to dodge a wild pitch. This is not to apply to ordinary cases where the bat comes in accidental contact with the ball because of the batsman's careless handling of the bat.

Checking the Intentional Pass.

The rule checking the practice of giving a batter an intentional pass states that it shall be illegal for the catcher to leave his natural position directly back of the plate for the purpose of aiding the pitcher to give such a pass. If the catcher moves out of position before the ball leaves the pitcher's hand, every runner shall be entitled to advance a base. Regarding balls hit over the fence the rule now states clearly that they must be judged fair or foul according to where they pass over the boundary line of the actual playing field. Either the fence or the front of the stand immediately abutting the playing field will guide the umpire in deciding such fair foul or foul. The ball may curve into the foul area after passing the playing field limit, but that will be no reason for calling the ball foul.

A bunt which results in a fair fly ball can no longer be called an infield fly. All runs are to score if a home run is hit over the fence or into the stand in the final inning of any game. In such cases all bases must be touched in regular order. Players who walk across the playing field after being ordered to the clubhouse will be fined \$25. Batsmen will receive official credit for the number of runs batted in. Left handers cannot start a motion to pitch and then step toward and throw the ball to first base. If, in making such motion, the right foot is swung back to a line with his pivot foot, then the ball must be delivered to the bat, or a ball will be called.

BELGIANS ACCEPT OUR HOCKEY ENTRY

Cable From Antwerp O. K.'s American Players for Great Ice Contest.

The American Hockey team stands officially entered for the Olympic hockey contest to be played at the Palais de Grace, Antwerp, and notification of the acceptance by the Belgian Olympic committee has been received by F. W. Rubien, secretary of the American Olympic committee. For some time past an idea has been prevalent that the contest would take place on natural ice on the Antwerp Canal, but that view of the fixture was corrected yesterday when a photo of the Palais de Grace was exhibited, showing one of the grandest artificial ice palaces in the world. The playing space in the centre of a vast amphitheatre is 175 by 60 feet, and has been erected on an open plot on the outskirts of the city. That the team will have a hard job to annex the honors but the rest of the team are just as high class amateurs, and are in the highest standing with the A. A. U. and as American citizens in their home towns.

It was learned at the A. A. U. headquarters that the Canadian Olympic hockey team will leave St. John, N. B., for Antwerp on April 4, and will be limited to nine players. W. A. Hewitt of Ontario is the manager. Secretary Rubien said that the hockey players will use the American shield on their playing jerseys, and the American flag as suggested by THE SUN and NEW YORK HERALD.

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